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Atlee M. Cunningham Jr. Establishes Endowed Scholarship at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in Memory of His Father, Grandfather  
Scholarships are for City of Corpus Christi Water Department employees or their children

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Lockheed Martin Consultant Atlee M. Cunningham Jr. of Fort Worth, Texas, has donated a gift of $40,000 to establish the Atlee M. and John W. Cunningham Endowed Scholarship for students who are either employees of the City of Corpus Christi Water Department or children of employees pursuing an undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The endowment was created in memory of Cunningham’s father, Atlee M., and grandfather, John W., both of whom were employees of the City of Corpus Christi Water Department. During their lifetimes, they devoted a total of 99 years service to the city.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be enrolled full-time at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA. The scholarship will be awarded to freshmen who may continue to receive the award for a maximum of four years. If there are no scholarship applicants from the Water Department, this scholarship may be awarded to employees of other departments of the City of Corpus Christi or their children.

John W. Cunningham worked for the City Water Department from 1917 to 1971. During his tenure he managed and improved the Water Department supply system as water plant superintendent, general water department superintendent, superintendent of Public Utilities and Water Construction coordinator.

Atlee M. Cunningham continued his father’s efforts from 1937 to 1976 as Water Plant superintendent and general Water Department superintendent. From 1979 to 1986, he was the primary consulting engineer for design and construction of the Stevens Water Plant extension.

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